Remarks

The Examiner alleged that there are two inventions claimed in the present application.

Group I includes Claims 1-17, drawn to a valve, and Group II, drawn to a breastpump and valve includes Claims 18-24. It should be noted that Claim 18 as filed included subject

matter related to a valve, and included the subject matter of Claims 1-16.

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Applicant elects Group II, and thus, Claims 18-24. Claims 1-17 have been canceled

herein. New claims 25-40 have been added to the elected claims. The new claims are

directed to aspects of a breast shield valve.

Respectfully submitted.

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